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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application for:

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For: Isolation of RNA, DNA and Proteins from
Formalin-Fixed Paraffin-Embedded Tissue
Specimens

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PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.182

Sir:

On October 16, 2003, a Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application Filed Under 37 CFR 1.53(b) was issued in connection with the above-identified application due to the application being submitted without drawings. Applicants were given a period of two months to respond, making a response due on or before December 16, 2003.

The drawings are not necessary for a filing date, as the application as filed fully describes the claimed invention. Additionally, the parent application including the drawings was properly incorporated by reference at page 1 lines 3-6 of the application as filed. Accompanying this petition is an amendment entering Figures 1-8 (8 pages) into the



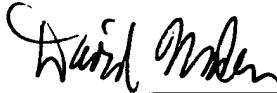
application, along with a copy of the parent patent from which those figures were incorporated by reference.

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner to accord the filing date of July 8, 2003 to the above-identified application and to enter the accompanying amendment in accordance with MPEP §§201.06(c) and 2163.07(b).

Applicants further request a refund of the petition fee, as the drawings are not essential and were properly incorporated by reference.

Applicants authorize the Commissioner to charge any cost or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 50-2518, referencing billing number 7000613003.

Respectfully submitted,

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